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SUBJECT: DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: (A) USUN 4373; (B) STATE 229398; LAHORE 1130

TO AMBASSADOR BENNETT FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE

1. AS INDICATED IN REF (B), WE BELIEVE THAT ANY FURTHER APPROACH TO WALDHEIM ON BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE SINCERELY REGRET HIS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE APPOINTMENT OF BRAENDEN, WHOM WE BELIEVE COULD HAVE IMPARTED NEW ENERGY TO THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FUND AND THE DIVISION CANNOT BE EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERED BY THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. WE WELCOME DEBEUS' APPOINTMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND BUT RECOGNIZE AND URGE THAT ALL HIS ENERGIES BE DIRECTED TO FUND-RAISING AND TO ADMINISTERING UNFDAC. BECAUSE OUR FIRST CHOICE, BRAENDEN, IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO WALDHEIMS, WE HAVE TAKEN A HARDER LOOK AT GEORGE LING AND BELIEVE THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE THE DIVISION CONFIDENTIAL

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THE DIRECTION IT NEEDS. ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS APPOINTMENT

WOULD ALSO PREVENT MICUTA FROM ACTING AS DIRECTOR AND SERVE NOTICE THAT DEBEUS WOULD SERVE AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE

DIVISION ONLY FOR A BRIEF PERIOD, AFTER WHICH HE COULD DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE TIME TO THE FUND.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT, THEREFORE, IF YOU WOULD MAKE A FURTHER CALL ON DAVIDSON, EXPRESSING OUR REGRET THAT THE SYG DID NOT SEE FIT TO APPOINT BRAENDEN AND THAT WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO SUPPORT GEORGE LING. WE HOPE THAT DAVIDSON WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO ANNOUNCE LING'S APPOINTMENT (BEFORE OCT 1) SO THAT IT WOULD BE CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED THAT DEBEUS WOULD ACT ONLY TEMPORARILY AND THAT LING WOULD TAKE CHARGE OF THE DIVISION AS SOON AS HIS PROCESSING WAS COMPLETED. SHOULD DAVIDSON REITERATE HIS SUGGESTION THAT WE WAIT A COUPLE OF MONTHS FOR DEBEUS TO TURN TO BRAENDEN TO RUN THE DIVISION, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS WORKABLE FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN PARA 4 OF REF (B). KISSINGER

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